



Offences against the Person Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 100 24 and 25 Vict

Acts causing or tending to cause Danger to Life or Bodily Harm

17 **Impeding a person endeavouring to save himself from shipwreck.**

Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously prevent or impede any person, being on board of or having quitted any ship or vessel which shall be in distress, or wrecked, stranded, or cast on shore, in his endeavour to save his life, or shall unlawfully and maliciously prevent or impede any person in his endeavour to save the life of any such person as in this section first aforesaid, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable . . . ^{F1} to be kept in penal servitude for life . . . ^{F2}

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

F2 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#) and [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offences against the Person Act 1861, Section 17.